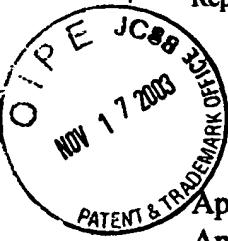


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Applicant respectfully requests that the three-month shortened statutory period for responding to the Office Action be extended three-months until November 12, 2003. A three-month Petition for Extension of Time is submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.